

## **COMMITTEE ON JOINT SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

**October 28, 2003**

**6:45 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
City Hall (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)**

Chairman Herbert called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: School Committee Members Herbert, Gross, Paradis,  
Beaudry (late), Kelley-Broder (late)  
Aldermen Pinard, DeVries (late), Garrity, Thibault, Lopez

Messrs: Ken Cornwell, Allen Jefferson

Chairman Herbert addressed Item 3 of the agenda:

Update on School Facilities Improvement Project.

Chairman noted on your desk I will not that you have a monthly report from DMJM as well as a photographic report, which shows the work being done currently.

Deputy Public Works Director Tim Clougherty stated once again I am presenting to you with Allen Jefferson from DMJM, our program manager and Ken Cornwell, project manager from Gilbane. I will give Allen the opportunity to give you an update on what has happened in the past month or so and Ken's going to update us on the upcoming events and then we can entertain questions.

Allen Jefferson of DMJM stated the previous month's progress; at Smith and Jewett the gym kits have been installed, so the new flooring is completed at both of those locations and the majority of the work in the past month has been primarily focused at Central High School. That has been pretty much been it. There has been additional excavation to facilitate garage and addition construction and also excavation support, soldier piles and lagging being installed along Beech Street and along Concord Street to facilitate deepening the excavation in order to install footings and foundations. A lot of the excavate has been removed and transported to behind Hillside Middle School. Also at Central High School jet

grouting and underpinning for the classical building has commenced within the past month and actually at this point in time Ken can update us on when that will actually be complete. Also what's been occurring at West High School we have been having a lot of user meetings with the principals and staff members at West High School, Hillside, Southside and Central High School and that's just to finalize some of the open areas we had relative to the design. The meetings at Hillside, Southside and Memorial that would be relative to the schematic design finalizing that and just targeted areas within Central High School and West High School, namely the media center. Second shift has commenced both at Central High School and I believe at West High School. They are doing overhead MEP work. Some of the activities that have been ongoing are is enrollment into the OCIP program. Weekly project status meetings between us and Gilbane and also weekly meetings with the Manchester Building and Fire Department to tackle code issues. That summarizes most of the activities that have been occurring. Also Group 2 schematic design submissions, that would encompass McDonough, Hallsville, Beech Street, Weston, Parker Varney, and Highland Goffs Falls. Those submissions have been made and reviewed by both DMJM and Gilbane. I think with that I'll turn this over to Ken and he can update us.

Chairman Herbert stated I just want to interject. For anyone that doesn't know, MEP is mechanical, electrical and plumbing.

Ken Cornwell of Gilbane stated and we would add to that fire protection. I just wanted to note that we presented to the Building and Sites Committee Memorial High School, Hillside and Southside Middle Schools schematic design and the architectural layout and are pleased to report that the board did vote favorably for those plans and we are proceeding now with design development moving forward with those drawings. As Allen has talked with the Group 2 schools, elementary schools are currently in design development stage. We expect to have the second design group schools, which are the group of elementary schools, design completed probably by the first of the year and moving on to Group 3, which will bring us into the last group of elementary schools. Hillside, Southside Middle schools, design will probably go right into February. Memorial will be in the same timeframe. We expect to start construction at Memorial in January, the steel should arrive in late February and then Hillside, Southside will follow just about the same schedule only about approximately a month later. We're still on target for having all of the design complete, all 21 schools design phase 100 percent documents in hand mid April next year and we're still on target for the design. Everything is working along pretty well. I always look over my shoulder at the architects when I say that. But we're feeling pretty good about the design and I hope everybody is please with what you're seeing so far. I want to talk about Central High School for a minute; it seems to be the job that seems to be the focus only because it seems to be the biggest hole in the ground at the moment. At

present we've got about 40 percent of the foundations in the ground at Central High School, you'll start seeing a rapid change in the site itself. We expect to have all of the foundation walls in place by Christmas, which means the entire building will be enclosed from a concrete standpoint at the ground. We expect to see steel start around the 15<sup>th</sup> of December and that steel erection will last through mid January and concrete placement will start right after that. Allen did allude to, we have started the second shift, the 3:00PM to 11:00PM shift, working at Central and West High Schools. It's a ongoing program. We started actually a week ago, it's indoctrination getting people used to what's going on, we're starting to lay out things. As you can imagine, working in these schools after all of these years getting everybody used to working the shift and getting used to where things are. Those shifts will continue at Central and West for the next 18 months. They will be the last activities completed at both of those schools.

Alderman Thibault asked have you started at West already?

Mr. Cornwell answered we started at West in earnest yesterday. Like I say we will continue. It's an ongoing development process, we'll be moving from the Macon Building to the Bean Building at different levels, it will wrap up as breaks come. Christmas break will come, winter break will come, spring break will come, we'll wrap up during double shifts. As we said we have a very aggressive schedule and we're very much looking forward to moving forward. The other two schools that we've started construction this summer to get ahead of the abatement activities were Smith and Jewett. Smith and Jewett schools, the mechanical and electrical work bids are in. We expect to make an award in the next week or so. We're a little off of our schedule, we'd anticipate at starting night shift operations again. We anticipate starting operations on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. We're probably a week or so away from that, to just finalize our electrical and the mechanical equipment bids. We expect it will be in earnest, like I said. Once that shift starts Jewett and Smith Road schools will run through the spring. We should be out of those schools in May, and when I say May, all of the mechanical and electrical work will be done probably before spring, before May. We actually will then pull out of those schools and we will wait until school is out in the summer to paint and we're only doing that because right at the moment with Tim and Allen we're trying to come up with a product that will allow us to paint those schools without causing an in door quality problems with the students and the teachers. So that is something we're ongoing with. That's about all of I have for an update schedule.

Mr. Clougherty stated that summarizes where we're at. We can entertain questions at this point Mr. Chairman.

Alderman Lopez stated I'd like you to comment on something I read in the paper in reference to the parking garage about the maintenance is going to be more difficult. Along that line and have you coordinated with parks or what are we going to do in that particular area?

Mr. Clougherty stated Keven Sheppard and Frank Thomas and I have been having discussions about exactly how we're going to tackle the snow from that perspective. We met at length last week with the structural engineers to understand exactly how much snow we can allow on the structure prior to removing it. Talking about different operations for structure, different types of equipment that we can put on there without harming the plaza surface. So we don't have everything nailed down right now, but we're confident we're going to be able to accomplish it without a significant impact in budget.

Alderman Lopez stated along that line, if that's something the school will be responsible for I guess they'll just contract the Highway Department or get their own people to do it or get the Parks & Recreation to do it. So I want to make sure if the Parks are going to be involved, that they're involved in this whole process as far as the maintenance goes of the garage when it becomes a reality.

Mr. Clougherty stated the area that we're talking about is really only the area on top of the garage as well as in the courtyard that the James Building and the new addition to the James Building encompass. So we're only talking about clearing snow for walkways, paths, as was previously done in the courtyard in between the practical and classical arts building. So we're not talking about clearing the entire courtyard as you would a parking lot. The snow removal operations are less stringent than a parking lot but we have to stay attuned to the amount of snow that builds up from those sidewalks.

Alderman Lopez asked Mr. Cornwell from Gilbane I think we asked for and I don't see anything here unless it is not being accomplished yet is, some type of status report on the workforce that's involved in this as to whether a percentage of people in the City of Manchester are working on this project. Have you calculated any figure yet?

Mr. Cornwell stated I do have to apologize. I think it's probably something that has slipped by us. We'll get that report together. It is something that I think I neglected to put together. We are keeping track of the Manchester residents and the workforce for that very specific reason.

Alderman Lopez asked if you could get the report and send it out to the Chairman then to us, I'd appreciate it.

Mr. Cornwell stated we will get that for you.

Alderman Lopez stated I still have one other question so that there's no question in anybody's mind and there shouldn't be. We have a project that's been approved and the way I understand from the City Solicitor, and we'll check it out of everybody disagrees, there's no additions to this project unless it comes before the Joint Committee.

Mr. Clougherty replied I believe that would be correct, yes.

Alderman Lopez stated just to make sure that we all understand that because in reading and listening to some people that they can add to this project and I don't believe that that's true unless it comes before this committee. Would you agree with that?

Mr. Clougherty answered I'm not sure exactly what the procedural guidelines are for adding to the project from a statute perspective. I know that from a procurement perspective in conversations with the Solicitor we did discuss the fact that we do have the ability to expand the project should a school facility need be identified and should the desire be to expand the project to do that. But I'm not sure whether it would come before this committee or if it would go to Building and Sites and then this committee. I'm just not sure procedurally exactly that would be accomplished.

Alderman Lopez stated Mr. Chairman I think we've got to square that away because from conversations, some people want to add things on both sides and it's a joint committee that's in control of this \$105 million and so we need to get a very clear...

Mr. Clougherty stated the thing that really makes it unclear is where you'd have, I'm assuming you're talking about the athletic complex project.

Alderman Lopez replied I'm not talking about any particular project, I just want to make it very clear that the way I understand the RSA, once the joint committee takes over a project, the money that's been allocated for that project is within the confines of that committee.

Mr. Clougherty stated I understand that. The one other nuance that I'd ask that we make sure that we're on solid ground with is if additional funds are added to a project fund, if you will, how does that play into adding to the project once the project as come under auspice of the Joint School Building Committee?

Alderman Lopez stated I understand.

Chairman Herbert stated do you want to have the committee request of the City Solicitor, also we should get an opinion School District Attorney for the questions you have. I know what you're talking about and I'm a little unclear on it as well. For example, I think if you're referring to a number of different things, but we have been in some areas for example, the RFP was not as specific to design, like they were going to add X number of rooms, but they tried to keep flexible because maybe a principal has an idea about how to use a room or something. So last night for example, they came in with the Hillside, Southside also Central High School and Memorial High School and showed us more specific designs, which we hadn't seen before and Tim's been doing that I think it's been more than just to keep us informed, I think he wants to have the School Board on board with those designs before he continues. So last night there was actually a vote involved and that will go in front of the School Board as well. My understanding is and so forth been running on the assumption that when we get down to those specific design features under the RFP, because it's the school building superintendent, principals, the teachers and everybody has been involved in it, it comes to the board and gets approval. Well we've not had any real problems. We had one little glitch last night, which we're going to work on, but that's been over on our side and then it becomes part of the more focused design of the RFP that the RFP results in. For example, last night we discussed the gym at Memorial High School and there was some discussion in reference to do we want that sized gym or there were some issues about weight room and that kind of thing. If we decided we wanted a weight room or whatever comes out of it, that essentially...I don't know, that is where you get into a gray area. Is that a change in scope, and if it's within, is it this committee that should decide whether there's a weight room here or is it the School Board that would first approve some sort of change and then it becomes part of the project that's overseen by this committee. So I'm a little...I think those kinds of things probably would be wise to get agreed to legally and otherwise so that everybody that is involved, which is everybody here, understands where things stand. I will request legal explanation from both the City and the school district in this regard.

School Committee Member Beaudry stated Tim, I forgot to ask this last night, actually before our first snowstorm comes. I know we've talked about the walkway between the classical and practical, who is going to be in charge of cleaning that off first thing in the morning? Let's say we have a snowstorm at 2:00AM. I know I had brought this up before and Ken had made a comment that Gilbane would make sure that that area is cleared and is sanded or salted to make sure that the kids are safe walking. Would the school be in charge of that or the City? How is that going to work if we have a snowstorm in the middle of night, so it's ready for the first thing in the morning?

Mr. Clougherty answered it is a public sidewalk so it does fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works, the Department of Highways. So we're going to be talking to our superintendents to make sure that that area is addressed first thing in the morning from snow plowing, sanding and salting perspective.

Mr. Beaudry stated Gilbane is there all of the time. I'm just wondering if...the kids start coming in at 6:30AM or whatever time they come in in the morning now and that isn't cleared, will somebody be there to make sure that it will be cleared before their first period?

Mr. Clougherty answered the situation we're talking about is no different at any school as far as the sidewalks go. It's just quite a bit bigger at Central High School. We still have sidewalks to clear, be they on the street or on the premises of the schools themselves. So we're going to make sure we aggressively attack, especially the area along Beech Street.

Mr. Beaudry stated this is more of a comment. I would hope that they bring in snow blowers and not the V plow, because I think we've talked about that. Because if they just keep using the V plow and making a path through it, it's going to be building the snow up against the fence and against the jersey barriers and at some point in time it's going to be narrowed down to where kids can't walk. So I hope that this thought process is being thought of now before we get our first snowstorm and then they say oh we don't have the equipment or the snow blower is broken down or whatever.

Mr. Clougherty responded that's going to be something that we're going to have to monitor very closely. It is my understanding that most of the equipment that we use currently to remove snow from the sidewalks is not the V plow, most of them do have the snow blower attachments now. We're moving in that direction rather than the V plow because of some of the things you are bringing up. On the east side of Beech Street sidewalk, we've got a hole that Gilbane's going be working in trying to put up steel and pour concrete and erect a structure. On the west side we've got the jersey barriers and we've got a two-lane, quite busy road and then a lane of parking. So it's going to take quite a bit of effort on the part of the Department of Public Works to make sure that number one, we monitor the snow emergencies properly, get those cars moved so we can remove snow from that west side of Beech Street, because we are going to blowing most likely in that direction.

Mr. Beaudry stated I just want to follow up on what Alderman Lopez was bringing up about checking for local people. How do you check for their residence? Do you use their license or do you use...?

Mr. Cornwell answered it is pretty much the same way we did it at the civic center. We have the right to ask for divers licenses for backup. It is typically done with payroll. It's an honor system. It's not a mandatory requirement that there be residents. It's always been a goal of this committee and the company. The goal to employ as many residents as we can. When we solicit bids from the contractors we ask the contractors to specifically tell us what the goal is. We hold them to those goals. And the problem we're having now is that we are just now getting into a momentum. Things are just starting. We've had some excavating on the site. Things are picking up and when things pick up you get more and more people on board. It's a slow start just like the civic center was.

Mr. Beaudry stated I would hope that you would try to achieve that goal and also look at licenses, because it is my understanding on some of the projects where people are coming from out of state, renting a hotel and then claiming that address as being a local resident. So hopefully the licenses are a sure check. I appreciate you working on that.

Alderman Pinard stated Tim maybe you can recall. Not at the last meeting because I missed it. Didn't we talk to Finance...didn't we put a number like \$20,000 or you'd have to come to this committee? A couple of meetings ago we talked about that. I just recall there was something that we decided on.

Mr. Clougherty answered there was a policy instituted for change orders that basically set a threshold dollar limit as well as a cause or need basis. I can't recall off the top of my head what that was, but I'm sure that either the Clerk's office or my office can get it too.

Alderman Pinard stated Mr. Chairman maybe as you go to the Solicitor's maybe you should put that in to one package so we'll understand what's going on.

School Committee Member Gross stated I think what Alderman Lopez brings up is kind of interested and I think it's very important that we define when an additional project becomes part of this project. I think the intention, at least with Memorial High School, to fast track Memorial's athletic project so we get in done in two and a half years instead of seven or eight years and save all of that money. I think the intent was more of a manpower and coordination with the current design/build than as part of the finance. I believe that it's a separate financial issue and would require separate bonding. That's the way it was described to us last night. So if we get some additional information. I don't know if you have something you can present now on that end as far as...

Chairman Herbert stated I don't think we're quite there yet.



Mr. Gross continued I think that's important. I think we need to define that and we have a short period of time to do that because we'd like to get that moving also in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Clougherty asked are you talking about a cost savings associated with not bringing on another contractor and the economies of scale and lack of escalation because of accelerating the project?

Mr. Gross answered well that was the comment, but I think the importance is Alderman Lopez's concern is where is the authority for this project. Is this considered, and I think it's real important that we find out from City Finance and the Solicitor's, is this considered a completely separate project and therefore which way does it have to go? Is it something that this committee can decide on? I know that it's going to go through the School Board and be brought somewhere.

Mr. Clougherty stated my understanding was that it obviously went through your Building and Sites Committee last night, it's going to go through your Finance Committee, it will have to be approved by your full Board of School Committee and if additional funding is sought, it would have to be brought before the CIP Committee, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and corresponding with the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen and at that point it would most likely turn under the jurisdiction of the Joint School Buildings Committee. That's just what my interpretation would be, but I'm sure the Solicitor will shed some light on that.

Mr. Gross asked that would be no different than any project then?

Mr. Clougherty answered that's correct.

Mr. Gross asked so the only real coordination with the design/build is the fact that we're taking advantage of the economies of scale?

Mr. Clougherty answered that's absolutely correct.

Mr. Gross stated the only other question I have is we also approved Southside and Hillside last night and I didn't hear much as far as that scheduling is going to go. Maybe I missed it but if you could give me a feeling for that one. Especially Southside.

Mr. Cornwell asked as far as construction?

Mr. Gross replied yes.

Mr. Cornwell replied again, we expect to have probably 100 percent design done in mid January. We expect to do an early structural steel package, so we'll probably be starting work in January or February we're looking at foundations and we'll start into steel sometime probably toward the end of March.

Mr. Gross asked does the Memorial project, if one should go forward, would that affect Southside in any way as far as scheduling goes?

Mr. Cornwell answered no; they are actually running independently. The Hillside, Southside, all of them, as we call them the six Group Zero schools are all independent schools. They are not like the elementary schools where we do one right after the other.

Alderman Thibault stated I think my question certainly deals with about two percent of everybody that just spoke. But I think I'd have to go back to what Mr. Lopez said before that if there is going to be any big monetary change in this project, that somehow it has to come back to this committee. Either through the School Board or through the Mayor Baines, it has to come back to this committee. I believe that Alderman Pinard just brought up the fact that there was a certain stipend up to \$20,000 or \$25,000 or something that you could go ahead and do that. But if beyond that it is going to affect the final aspect of this project as far as monetarily, it's got to come back to this committee as far as I understand it.

Mr. Clougherty stated that's our understanding as well. That's exactly the way the policy was written.

Chairman Herbert stated I think the question right now that hasn't been answered yet regards to the quickening of the Memorial field, that's been referred to as design/build. One of the things I would like to point out is that design/build in terms of the \$105 million project basically has two meanings. One is the indenture that's used to fund it, which is the legal document and very restrictive, it's very specific. But design/build also refers to the contractual relationship the City can make with a contractor on any project. It's a form of a contract. You've got design/build, you've got competitive bidding, there's a third way you can go at it.

Mr. Clougherty interjected construction management.

Chairman Herbert continued so what is traditionally a Parks & Recreation project, CIP project and is funded on its own, would be the athletic field work as we did with West or Livingston Park or any place. So that can be a design/build relationship. Do you see what I'm saying? That's the legal relationship that we use to have with the contractor in charge, but it may not at all refer to the \$105

million, which is a money amount on one design/build relationship. So I think sometimes it's a little confusing, but right now my approach is that it has been on the school side is that it has always come out of Parks & Rec, we're going to use a design/build relationship with Gilbane in order to save money, but it will have its own separate funding, and as a result, once it is passed, as it's always done, it will go forward from there. This committee here is by State law in charge of major additions and new construction of school buildings, so I think we're mixing apples and oranges a little. Now if there is a change in the \$105 million bonded project RFP, which is a design/build project, obviously that's in front of this committee to oversee, but I'm sure that the Parks & Rec, the athletic field project itself is no different than any other project that we've done in the past other than it will be a design/build relationship with the contractor.

Alderman Lopez stated just a clarification and I agree with what you're saying, the relationship of the addition. I just want to make perfectly clear that, and this is where the Chairman is going to get legal opinions of, the project in itself that's been assigned to the joint committee is the \$105 million that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved. The sites committee of the School Board does not add, in my opinion, to what has been approved because they see an opportunity to do something else and let it come back to this joint committee in order to review everything. So I just wanted clarification so that we're not doing duplicate work that you report to the site committee of the School Board and you get somebody's hopes up that yes we can fit this in in the project. The \$25,000 that we gave you authority to do was not in that particular context.

Mr. Clougherty stated I would agree with you in total. The intent of that was not for us to use that threshold to execute change order that would substantially change or materially change the scope of work. That's not the intention of that whatsoever, and I think you're absolutely correct that if there were to be an expansion of scope that it would have to come to this committee.

Alderman Lopez stated with saying that I'll let the Chairman get the legal interpretation on the other things.

Chairman Herbert stated I think everybody's aim is just that everything is coordinated, that the School District works with this committee and the Aldermen, of course, in every aspect of it. So rather than looking at it as conflicting I'd rather look at it as just to make sure we know how we get our information from the right people and do it legally.

School Committee Member Kelley-Broder stated my question is about the maintenance for snow removal for the structural integrity. Is that budgeted in the \$105 million? Is that a separate...?

Mr. Clougherty answered there is not maintenance currently budgeted in the \$105 million.

Ms. Kelley-Broder asked for the snow removal for the structural integrity? So if we have a bad winter, where does that money come from?

Mr. Clougherty answered if it is a bad winter during construction, then Gilbane is responsible for snow removal on the site.

Ms. Kelley-Broder asked and that comes out of?

Mr. Clougherty answered that's a cost that Gilbane would have to absorb in their general conditions or their temporary facilities in protection line item of their budget. But once the project is complete, the \$105 million is for capital improvements real estate, it doesn't take into account maintenance aspects. Just like we haven't budgeted for waxing floors or anything like that in that \$105 million. That's going to be an operation expense and will budgeted by the School Board for future years coming down the road.

Ms. Kelley-Broder asked the rest of the snow removal for the paths that somebody is going to have to keep up during the winter months? That will come out of the school budget?

Mr. Clougherty answered that's correct. Again, we're not talking about a substantial increase in operating expenses here. You already are budgeted to move snow around that courtyard, so kids can walk from the practical arts building, classical and to James and what have you. What we're talking about now is making sure that once we have a significant snowfall and we have some snow built up on the sides of these sidewalks, after a certain period of time we come around with a loader and a dump truck and we pick that snow and take it off of that platform.

Ms. Kelley-Broder asked do you have a site where you picked out to move snow to?

Mr. Clougherty answered yes we do. We've got several sites and we've actually provided for access for those operations.

Ms. Kelley-Broder stated my next question is regarding Alderman Lopez's...the conversation we're having about the facility use and I think that's what it really is. Is that we're not really changing the design/build, we're talking about maybe using the space for a different reason other than classroom space. I think when we started this project some people may have thought that one area may have been

used for a weight room and other people thought that it was just going to be classroom space. And I guess that was never cleared up in the original talks. So I think in my respect I think it's up to the building managers, the principals and their teams to decide what the space is best used for. But in that respect, I think we have to be very careful as everybody gets the same thing and we're not going to do one project at one school where then West is going to say well we want this project also and then you're working at changing everything. We know that we had space that is for science labs and that's a big project. So you're talking about the outlets, the water, so that space is earmarked for science labs. If we wanted to change that we really have to do it now because once it's done, it costs a lot more to take that apart then it would be if we did it now, so I think we really need to make sure that the space that we are building for those projects and for the right needs are really what the building administrators need. We have to do that now to make sure that's what we need.

School Committee Member Paradis stated I'd like to follow up on Kathleen Kelley-Broder's comments on the maintenance and so on and from what I understand a few meetings ago on Building and Sites and also at Finance, Bill Sanders was asked to look up and to go through and see what we're going to do for long-term facilities. Am I correct Chairman? It was either at Finance or one of the Building and Sites meetings; this was a couple of meetings ago, I would say back three months ago.

Chairman Herbert replied he is in the process of looking up the operating budget impact on additional facilities and types of facilities.

Ms. Paradis replied exactly and some long-term maintenance for those particular areas as you say. As Tim Clougherty said last night it isn't probably that we're not going to be removing more snow anywhere, it's just that it's going to be moved differently. Some of it by hand, some of it by snow blowers instead of a two-ton dump truck that can go right into the courtyard. That will not be able to go onto the underground parking space. So I don't foresee too much of a problem with that. I am concerned about the sidewalks in between to make sure they are clear. Usually at Memorial I know you can go by there at 2:00AM or 3:00AM and they'll have someone out. If we've had an emergency snow fall where there is going to be school the next day, they will have an area there so that at least the kids can get in the school and the teachers and so on. I'm not sure about Central because I've never been there, but I'm sure it must be the same way that they have people there from Highway to take care of what they have to take care of. The last thing I would like to ask. I am a little disappointed too on the idea of this weight room/gymnasium/mini gymnasium as we spoke of last night, because I think I was maybe almost a year ago under the understanding too that perhaps when I saw that little indentation coming out as the President of South Sabres also did, he thought

it was an addition to a weight room and I guess I misunderstood on that. I just wanted to clear that up as far as that goes. I believe the principal, the buildings, and those people that are involved I'm sure have studied it with you people and the facility that's going to be the 5,400', which is going to be almost a full gymnasium, not really a mini one like Central, will be used as they befit, which I'm sure they've thought this out. I went back last night and went through files and files; I couldn't find anything that perhaps had been brought up to us in the beginning when all of this happened. But in the beginning we had a lot of concepts, not really RFP's and not architectural drawings, but sort of a concept of what things might be like. So as School Committee Member Kelley-Broder referred to is that your principals, your building administrators and those people must know what they're doing if they wanted that particular in addition to that gym. I know Mrs. Thompson over at West had really wanted an addition to her gym, but you would have had to take houses by eminent domain, you would have had to take a street on the side. There is just no room over there, no possible way. So they have the nicer weight room and facilities at West and at Central have the nicer weight room and facilities and Memorial will have a larger gym area. Their gym plus another gym area to evidently that's what the principal and those people up there wanted I assume. I had some alumni ask me where Abraham was taken under protective custody and they want to make sure that he's put back at Central High School. I didn't see him on the map last night, on the drawing.

Chairman Herbert stated he was on there, he was in the middle off center on the circle, because he is very heavy and he needs special supports.

Ms. Paradis stated I did home alumni ask me about it, believe it or not they said where did that statue go and is it really being protected and is it going to come back and I said as far as I know yes.

Mr. Cornwell stated Abe Lincoln is in Goffstown in a safe location in a box. He was inspected two weeks ago Friday and he's in great shape. He will be returning later next year.

Mr. Clougherty stated Mr. Chairman if I may just comment on one of the items that Ms. Paradis brought up. I was contacted by Bill Sanders and Kevin Sheppard and Barbara Connors and I met with him regarding long-term maintenance and we're in the process of developing some plans to address some of the situations that we've had in the past where maintenance has been deferred. With the significant investment that we're putting into mechanical and electrical systems for indoor air quality purposes to meet current ventilation standards, actuary standards, mechanical standards, we want to make sure that we present you with all possible proactive options for getting the longest life out of the equipment that we're installing so we're not faced with a \$100 million or \$200 million project 15

years down the road. We will be speaking with various committees of the Board of School Committee once those efforts are complete.

Mr. Gross stated what you just commented on which was a maintenance plan, can we make sure we get that far enough in advance so that it doesn't come when we're putting the budget together for the year. Because I know that number is going to be big. We've cut back a lot on maintenance and I've seen how much less we're spending now than we did years ago. My concern is that the first year that we have to put in a plan that makes sense, that we're going to get those figure right before the budget comes up and it would be great if the Aldermen and the Mayor knew way in advance what kind of dollars we're looking at. I think its going to be relatively substantial compared to what we spend now; we spend almost nothing now. That is just a comment. You mentioned snow removal a couple of times and it got me thinking for a second. Last year the snow removal at Central in the courtyard, that would have been considered walkways, so that would have been a Service Master function?

Mr. Clougherty answered Service Master is responsible for clearing walkways within a certain number of linear feet from the building, I believe.

Mr. Gross asked so now because of the complexity of this new design, is it going to require a skill level that we couldn't have Service Master remove this any more and this is going to have to be like a Highway Department function?

Mr. Clougherty replied no, not necessarily. Service Master has some highly skilled people and we use them for landscaping and other equipment operations that they do. So it's definitely not outside the scope of their possibilities.

Mr. Gross stated that may be something to consider also.

Alderman Garrity asked Tim can I get an update on contingency?

Mr. Clougherty answered our contingency stands where it did the day the project was approved.

Ms. Kelley-Broder stated I just wanted to make sure that we remember that part of the cost of maintenance for the high schools is deferred in the tuition contract. That will be assessed on a yearly basis. I just wanted to make sure we had that out there. That's part of that yearly operational cost that's built into the tuition contracts.

Alderman Pinard stated I got this memo the other day from the Building Department concerning the chimneys and think that the committee might want to know the amount of money that you saved on this Tim. Starting with Hallsville School with the chimney.

Mr. Clougherty stated I'm not sure exactly what you're referring to.

Alderman Pinard stated I guess somebody had complained about the chimney at Hallsville and one of our employees from the Building Department went out and he cleaned a bunch of chimneys at a cost of \$125.00 per chimney, so it saved the taxpayers a lot of money because a lot of schools, I don't know how many schools he's done, but this comes from Barbara Connors.

Mr. Clougherty replied it was a substantial sum of money. I am familiar with the memo you're talking about now. That was from our building maintenance supervisor Barbara Connor to Ron Saucy the general manager for Service Master commending their performance on their removal ash and other debris from the chimneys. They did a really great job on that.

Alderman Pinard stated if they a good job on the chimneys as they do on the sidewalks, I guess we've made ourselves a bargain with Service Master.

Mr. Beaudry stated I don't know if it was asked already, but the contingency fund, how much of that has been utilized so far, if any?

Mr. Clougherty replied none. It stands at its full value.

There being no further business to come before the committee, on a motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee